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1. Absorbent article such as a sanitary napkin, an incontinence guard, a diaper, or a panty-liner, which article has a substantially elongated shape with a longitudinal direction and a transverse direction and exhibits two side edges (9, 10), a front edge (11) and a rear edge (12), a front portion (6) and a rear portion (7), and a central portion (8) situated between the front portion (6) and the rear portion (7), which article furthermore exhibits a liquid-pervious cover layer (2) and a liquid-impervious cover layer (3) and an absorbent body (4), characterized in that the rear portion (7) of the absorbent body (4) comprises a layer (17) that is split in a first leg (15) and a second leg (16) with a gap between the legs (15, 16) where an angle  $\alpha$  is defined between the first leg (15) and the second leg (16), and that an elastic member (19) is placed between the first leg (15) and the second leg (16), which elastic member (19) essentially extends in the longitudinal direction.

2. Absorbent article according to claim 1, characterized in that the elastic member (19) bends the rear portion (7) in a somewhat parabolic shape, deforming parts of the absorbent article that lies between the first leg (15) and (16), thereby forming a ridge-like elevation (20) between the first leg (15) and the second leg (16).

3. Absorbent article according to claim 2, characterized in that the elastic member runs mainly along a centre line (23) of the absorbent article, from a point in the vicinity of where the centre line (23) meets the rear edge (12), to a point beyond the point where the layer (17) in the absorbent body (4) is split into the two legs (15, 16).

4. Absorbent article according to claim 2, characterized in that the elastic member (19) runs mainly along the centre line (23), through the entire absorbent article.

5. Absorbent article according to claim 4, characterized in that the elastic member (19) is split into at least two elastic parts in the front portion (6).

Sub a 1 5 6. Absorbent article according to any of the claims 2-5, characterized in that the elastic member (19) may be placed in any of the layers that builds the absorbent article (1).

7. Absorbent article according to any of the claims 2-6, characterized in that the angle  $\alpha$  is between  $10^{\circ}$ - $120^{\circ}$ , preferably  $15^{\circ}$ - $40^{\circ}$ .

8. Absorbent article according to any of the claims 2-7, characterized in that the length of the legs (15, 16) is 20-350 mm, preferably 50-150 mm.

9. Absorbent article according to any of the claims 2-8, characterized in that the length of the ridge-like elevation (20) is at least 10 mm.

10. Absorbent article according to any of the claims 2-9, characterized in that the ridge like elevation has a top portion constituting an upper part of the ridge like elevation and that the width of the ridge-like elevation (20) is 0.1-20 mm, preferably 1-8 mm, at the top portion of the ridge-like elevation (20).

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